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SUBJ: BOURGUIBA ON SPANISH SAHARA

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DURING PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON JULY 5, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA WAS ASKED BY JOURNALIST WHAT TUNISIA'S POSITION IS VIS-A-VIS DISPOSITION OF SPANISH SAHARA. BOURGUIBA REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE SAHARAQUI PEOPLE. "I PERSONALLY ADVISED KING HASSAN II TO DIVIDE THE TERRITORY WITH MAURITANIA. I STILL THINK THIS IS THE MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION. THIS PROBLEM IS SIMILAR TO THE PROBLEM OF THE KURDS WHICH APPEARS TO BE AMICABLY RESOLVED BETWEEN THE IRAQIS AND IRANIANS. LOGICALLY, THERE IS NO REASON TO CREATE A PHANTOM STATE THAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENCE OF JUST ANYONE." BOURGUIBA ADDED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO AWAIT THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE HAGUE TO SEE MORE CLEARLY.

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